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is centrally situated in the triangular figure bounded by lines drawn from Omaha to Cheyenne, thence to Denver, from thence to starting point. It is 291 miles from the first named city, 225 miles from the second, and 280 miles from the third. Having a population of 4,000 people it is the headquarters of both freight and passenger divisions of the U. P. R. Co., and is the home of about 200 railway employes whose monthly pay roll amounts to some \$25,000.00. Almost 200 miles of irrigation canals are rapidly nearing completion, which will bring into the highest state of cultivation 160,000 acres of the most productive land upon which the sun's rays shine. The citizenship of North Platte is that of the best afforded by the older states, and her people are active, progressive and prosperous. To the industrious, energetic home-seeker from the crowded east North Platte and Lincoln county presents unusual advantages. Thousands of acres of vacant government land, in close proximity to those already being brought under irrigation, may be obtained by consulting the United States land office in North Platte. A letter of inquiry to "U. S. Register, North Platte, Neb.," relative to the above will be courteously answered. Irrigated farming is no longer an experiment, but has reached the point where it is acknowledged as pre-eminently the safest—in all seasons—method of conducting agricultural and horticultural operations. The salubrious and life-giving climate of Lincoln county, where malaria is unknown and where pulmonary troubles are unknown of, is another incentive to the location therein of those who are anxious to enjoy the good things of this life as long as possible. North Platte churches and schools are above those of eastern communities, the latter being one of the few in Nebraska permitting the graduates thereof to enter the State University without an intermediate preparatory training. The people of the community gladly welcome the honest, industrious eastern citizen who is eager to better his condition and assisting in the upbuilding and development of a comparatively new country.

For information regarding the Great Irrigation Belt of Lincoln Co., write the Lincoln Co. Immigration Association, North Platte, Nebraska.

ONE of the commendable bills which the legislature should adopt without debate is what is known as the Watson bill, providing for the election of county commissioners by the ballots of the people of the whole county. It is well enough to nominate these officers from prescribed districts in the county, but let the people of the entire county vote upon them, as they expend the money of the entire county. Are you there, Messrs. Akers and Harris?

OUR diminutive little friend of the Era wishes us to lay a statement before the public of just what it has cost the taxpayers of Lincoln county to keep his little organette afloat during the drouthy years past and these days of democratic simplicity and economy. His small and constantly diminishing circulation precludes the possibility of his giving the matter the publicity which the subject deserves, hence his request for THE TRIBUNE to give it the benefit of the largest circulation in western Nebraska. His little sheet became the official organ (?) by the prejudiced partisan vote of a couple of populist county commissioners, one of whom held stock in the concern, in 1892. Since that time his claims against the county, as shown by the official register of claims, have been just \$4,379.07. Here you have it for a period of three years. What do you think of that Messrs. Beatty, Ericsson et al who were compelled to shoulder the burden when B. I. Hinman wanted his \$400, and were then bluffed out of your equity in the concern?

ONE little item which the chief fogleman for Butler Buchanan—the Era—does not mention. That is the fact that the large collection of taxes for the past year is not due to the activity of the treasurer, but to the fact that the board of county commissioners, after allowing warrants, went outside the law and began withholding them from the people to whom they were due until such time as the latter had paid their personal taxes. It was a bulldozing scheme all the way through, as many a poor drouth-stricken farmer who badly needed his money last summer found out to his sorrow. The law specifically says that where taxes are due the county, their amount may be deducted from the claims, and a warrant drawn for any remaining balance. By their stepping outside the pale of the law and first drawing the warrants the board permitted the christian Shylocks to get in their work upon the greater part of issue, hence Mr. Buchanan's magnificent tax collections. This for the benefit of the uninstructed who do not know how they were obtained.

IN THE three years which E. D. Murphy ostensibly served as county commissioner he extracted from the treasury \$1034.55. W. S. Hill received \$1,119.85. Sam Diehl for the two years and one month has cost \$870.30, with his third year when he is acting as chairman of the board and gets in his greatest work

yet to be heard from. A. E. Hill with his trifle over one year of services proves to be a "lulu," and breaks the record with an expense of \$606.60. Thus you see that year by year these populist patriots for revenue only are gradually "farming" their positions more and more each succeeding year, evidencing their paternalism in that government was formed for the sustenance of individuals. Three active men of good judgment should be easily able to annually perform the duties of county commissioner within fifty or sixty days, at a yearly expense of from \$150 to \$180, and mileage. This big four of political patriots have already cost the people of Lincoln county \$3,731.30, and Butler Buchanan will still have to continue to pinch and save to try and make the balance sheet come out right in accordance with populist ideas of economy and reform(?)

It is a matter of supreme indifference to THE TRIBUNE whether it is in line with petty personalities perniciously pursuing partisan politics for personal preferment. It is a newspaper in the broadest and most comprehensive sense of the term, and that is why the public generally, irrespective of politics, admire it, and express their approval by their patronage. Its independence is annually worth hundreds of dollars, and it will never deteriorate into a mere party organette by condoning the wrongdoing of a member of its own political family. In proof of this it was one of the first papers in the state to editorially express an opinion upon the Hilton shortage, since which time a large majority—if not all—of the republican papers have lined up on the subject. THE TRIBUNE is a good enough American patriot to know that a political party in a republic should be but the means for acquiring good government. It never confounds and confuses party with government. The one is but an inferior to accomplish the objects of a superior; hence its right to express a candid opinion, and condemn a wrong wherever found. Will would-be critics be as honest and conscientious? Neither collar nor muzzle is or will be worn by THE TRIBUNE, and believing that the republican party is the best medium for acquiring good government and upbuilding society, therein it may be found until such time, at least, as the methods of the organization are radically revolutionized.

It is evident that there will be very few seed bonds voted in Nebraska under the Lamborn act. Sentiment generally has been against submission of propositions, and in Phelps county where a vote has just been taken a proposition to issue bonds under the provisions of the act has been defeated by a vote of four to one. A proposition has been submitted in Kearney county but indications are that it will not carry. The prevailing sentiment is that it is not a good business proposition to pay interest on a five year loan for money that is not needed for more than six months.—Kearney Hub.

The Sioux City Journal makes the following covert thrust at the reformers who have ready made, radical and complete new systems of government they want to fit to the people between breakfast and dinner: "Civilization is not a scheme at all. A good many people fancy that it is, but it isn't. Nobody ever thought it out in advance. It cannot be designed or diagrammed. On the contrary, like Topsy, it just grew up." Some people talk about "institutions" as if they could be arbitrarily and suddenly imposed upon a great mass of people. And this is dead wrong, too.

City politics are so hot in Blair that the volunteer fire department has divided off into squads and is on duty all the time to turn on the water when the friction between candidates develops into a blaze.

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SCARED AWAY BY THE NOISE

Burglars Made a Hasty Departure After Securing Considerable Booty—Chicago Murder Mystery—Lawlessness in Cleveland—Crimes Record.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Feb. 25.—The First National Bank of Griswold, Cass county, was entered last night by burglars, who blew open the vault doors and then drilled the doors of the locked safe, put in a charge of the explosive, lit the fuse and closed the vault doors. The explosion totally wrecked the vault, doing over \$5,500 damage to safe, vault and building. The noise was so great that the burglars made a hasty departure. Over \$400 worth of stamps belonging to the postmaster, and \$120 in nickels inside the vault are known to have been taken and probably other valuables, but the wreck is so great that it is impossible to tell what was stolen. The burglar proof safe inside the vault contained \$20,000 in cash, and it is not probable that this safe was entered and the \$20,000 stolen. Men are scouring the country for traces of the thieves, who are evidently professional.

Lawlessness in Cleveland.—CLEVELAND, Feb. 25.—One of the boldest acts of lawlessness which has occurred in this city for a long time took place in the western suburbs last night. While a Nickel Plate freight train was standing near the Detroit street crossing a gang of tramps appeared and with drawn revolvers drove off the crew of the train. The gang then began breaking open freight cars and helping themselves to the contents. Meanwhile the police had been notified and a patrol wagon loaded with officers soon came upon the scene. The tramps escaped in the darkness.

Chicago Murder Mystery.—CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Evidence of what the police think is a frightful murder mystery was found today when two children discovered the mutilated body of a man in a lonely locality at Ninety-fifth street and Western avenue. The body, which that of a man about 25 years old, was found in a sitting posture, leaning against a tree. The hands, legs and lower part of the body were badly burned, deep gashes were found in the head and about the waist were the remnants of a charred and singed rope.

Indian Attorney Convicted.—FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 25.—John Breck, an Indian attorney of Lenepah, I. T., has been convicted of the fraudulent use of the mails. The scheme worked by him and numerous other attorneys was the issuing of fraudulent claims of Cherokee citizenship, by which means they collected thousands of dollars. Breck visited Kentucky and then the eastern states, collecting thousands of dollars from numerous persons for whom he never filed any claims before the council.

Wanted For the Whiting Murder.—HOLTON, Kan., Feb. 25.—Sheriff Naylor has in custody a man who is thought to be the one who attempted to rob the Rock Island depot at Whiting last October and killed the agent, W. H. Early. He answers to the description completely, and circumstantial evidence is all against him.

Cordelia Hill Acquitted.—CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 25.—Cordelia Hill, the colored child who shot and killed her father in defense of her mother last Tuesday, was tried by a jury and acquitted.

Change in League Rules.—NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The National League baseball officials met at the Fifth Avenue hotel this afternoon to suggest changes in the rules of the League. The questions of noisy coaching and of giving additional power to umpires to discipline kickers will come up for consideration and it is likely the committee will suggest some important changes to the League on next Wednesday. It is probable the committee will also make some suggestions on the advisability of doing away with gloves, except in the case of catchers, and first basemen, and will recommend that the pitcher's box be made larger.

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New Loan Quoted at 5 Per Cent Premium.—LONDON, Feb. 25.—The new American loan was quoted at the stock exchange at 5 per cent premium.

Wrecked by a Gas Explosion.—SHARON, Pa., Feb. 25.—Two houses were wrecked and five people injured by a gas explosion here.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

HARRY HAYWARD'S STORY.

Defendant in the Gung Murder Trial Continues His Testimony. MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—Harry Hayward, the defendant in the Gung murder trial, continued his testimony today in his own behalf. His narrative was resumed at the point where he returned to the Ozark after the theater and heard the news of Miss Gung's death. "I thought of all our relations," he said, "and how I had lent her money. I remember that she had often asked me to lend her my revolver, and as I thought the matter over I became convinced that she had been murdered. I don't know what I said to the people there or at the police station. But I was very much excited."

Witness described his experience in the "sweat box" and told how he was taken to the morgue and shown the dead body, with everybody watching him. He did not know what he did, but said he felt very bad and knew everyone there thought him guilty. He ordered some roses from a florist and attended the funeral. On Thursday he and Adry were arrested and put in a cell together. Adry seemed very down in the month, and Harry had said to him: "We are not guilty. What's the use of feeling this way?" But Adry was despondent and finally Harry had said: "Adry, what is this? You held her up once. Did you have anything to do with this?" Adry was silent and refused to talk any more. After that there was no further conversation between them.

This evidence caused a flutter of excitement. It brought in the story which, on Thursday, had been ruled out by the court, to the effect that Adry was the masked highwayman who last April had held up and robbed Harry, Miss Gung and Miss Vedder while they were out driving. Adry, it is understood, will go on the stand and deny the story until an alibi.

MORE WOE FOR WOODWORTH.

Effort to Have His Teachings Eliminated at the University of California. BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 25.—The expulsion of Professor Charles Woodworth and Student Maxwell from the First Baptist church for heresy is creating much contention in this university town. The charges against Woodworth were that he had stated in writing that the Bible contained many errors of history and geology, and that "the trinity is only three of the many manifestations of God." Woodworth maintains that the death of Jesus, like the Jewish sacrifices, only saves symbolically, and that the fall of man was not from the holiness but from childish innocence. The latter statement involved the question of evolution, to which Woodworth firmly adheres as a good method of reasoning both for science and for Christianity. Some of the members of the church arrayed against Professor Woodworth say they will take the matter before the academic society, the board of the university, maintaining that if a man is unfit because of his heresies to teach a Sunday school he is not the proper person to instruct the students at the university. To this Professor Woodworth says that to eliminate his teachings at the university of California they must eliminate science and put in orthodox clergymen of the old school, who will teach as truths traditions and legends that are no more valuable, except symbolically, than the myths and legends of ancient Greece.

BETTER FARMING OF SMALL FARMS.

President at Stickey Addressing Iowa Farmers Upon the Subject. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 25.—President Stickey, of the Chicago Great Western railroad, has inaugurated a series of meetings along the line of his road for the purpose of advocating a more scientific and thorough farming. He will hold one or two meetings in all of the important towns along the line, which will be addressed by himself and others who have had practical experience in special crops, such as potatoes. A meeting was held here today and was addressed by Mr. S. H. Hall of Minneapolis. He claims that nearly 100,000,000 bushels of potatoes are imported every year and that by a rotation of crops and the cultivation of potatoes to a greater extent this deficiency can be made up along the line of the Great Western road. Mr. Stickey says he calls it his gospel of better farming of smaller farms and that it will be preached from one end of the road to the other. They are traveling in their special car and making stops in all of the towns, addressing the farmers upon the subject.

Not Eating Horseshell.

ST. JOSEPH, Feb. 25.—Several days ago one B. W. Hiatt came to this city with credentials purporting to be from Governor Merrill of Kansas, and solicited aid for people in western Kansas, who, he claimed, were eating horseshell. He is now denounced as an impostor by dozens of more persons of Decatur county, one of the counties Hiatt claimed to represent. Many letters have been received in this city from that county saying that while many people are in destitute circumstances, they are not eating horseshell.

Battlefield Memorial Order.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—George E. Dolton, general commanding the Comrades of the Battlefield, today issued a general order to the military order, of which he is supreme officer, notifying its members that the order will hold its annual battlefield memorial services for 1895 on the battlefield of Chickamauga in September, at the time of the dedication of that field as a national park.

Joint Carnival at Nogales.

NOGALES, Ari., Feb. 25.—The joint carnival of this city and Nogales, Mex., is in full swing. The ceremonies attending the advent of Rex was witnessed by large crowds. The carnival is marked by much good feeling among members of both nationalities.

Women May Still Wear Hats.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 25.—The house defeated the bill making it a misdemeanor for women to wear hats at theaters, churches, etc. The vote stood 40 for and 54 against.

Dean Is Brevet.

Mrs. Langtry's father, Dean Is Brevet, was the leading dignitary of his church in Jersey, presiding especially over the picturesque church at St. Saviour's. He was a man of superb physique and strikingly handsome. His beauty descended to more members of his family than to his famous daughter, for the brothers, of whom there were several, all were splendid looking, Apollo-like fellows, notably Mrs. Langtry's youngest and favorite brother, who was killed in a tiger hunt in India.—New York Times.

IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

Senators Devoting All Their Time to Appropriations.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL TAKEN UP

South Omaha Appropriation Tacked on an Amendment—House Passes Several Bills—Showalter Named for Circuit Judge—National Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The belated appropriation bills were before the senate with the prospect of working early and late in order to complete them. Mr. Cockrell, chairman of the appropriation committee, made a statement at the outset as to the condition of the measures and the need for night sessions and speedy work. There were, he said, the sundry civil bill and the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill on the calendar. The naval appropriation bill would be here today or tomorrow. The deficiency bill would also come over from the house probably today. These bills will need attention as fast as the senate is able to work, said Mr. Cockrell. He asked that a recess be taken at 6 o'clock tonight until 8 and the session to then continue until 10 or 11 tonight.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that if this agreement was reached he would object to anything outside of the appropriation bills. Mr. Cockrell said this would be the specific understanding. Mr. Manderson (Rep., Neb.), suggested that there were too few senators present to make such an agreement. The presiding officer construed this as an objection, and the request went over until later in the day.

Mr. Gorman presented a partial agreement of the conferees on the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

The sundry civil bill was taken up then. The appropriation of \$75,000 for a public building at Annapolis, Md., was struck out on motion of Mr. Gorman. Mr. Hansbrough (Rep., N. D.) offered an amendment, which was agreed to, including Bismarck, N. D., among those cities to have a public building. Mr. Wilson (Rep., Wash.) also secured \$20,000 for a public building at Olympia, Wash. Mr. Vest, chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds, notified the senators of the far northwest that by "loading" these new amendments on the bill all of the appropriations for new buildings, Cheyenne, Boise, Helena, Pierre, Olympia and Bismarck, would fail. The provision in the amendment adopted for the new buildings are that sites shall be purchased in each city named at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 each for the public buildings. The appropriation of \$25,000 for the public building at South Omaha, Neb., already authorized by a special bill, was included as an amendment.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Fully 20 members crowded down into the area in front of the speaker's stand when the house met today, all pressing for unanimous consent to consider bills of local importance. There were several fortunate ones before the "regular order" was demanded. Bills were passed for the relief of James Phelan; for the relief of Michael Ryan; for the relief of Maria S. Priest; to construct a bridge across the Illinois river at Hennepin; to appoint Gardner B. Hubbard of Washington on the board of regents of the Smithsonian institution; to authorize the erection of a bronze statue of Professor Samuel D. Gross.

The senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill were not concurred in and the bill was sent to conference. The house then went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the general deficiency bill. The amendment to pay \$425,000 to the Great Britain in settlement of the Berwick sea awards, carried, yeas 35, nays 8.

Funeral of Fred Douglas.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The remains of Frederick Douglas were conveyed early this morning to the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, where they lay in state until the funeral services in the afternoon. Before the removal from Cedar Hill, Anacosta, Mr. Douglas' late residence, brief services for the immediate relatives were conducted by the Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson of the Anacosta Baptist church.

Showalter Is Selected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The president has nominated John W. Showalter of Illinois to be United States circuit court judge for the Seventh judicial district.

Ice Moving in the Ohio River.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—The ice in the Ohio is moving rapidly today and gorges at the bridges and other places are breaking. The boats are all steamed up and whistling, and there is much excitement owing to the danger to the shipping interests.

Denied President Hoffman.

DAYTON, Feb. 25.—George P. Hoffman, a prominent Dayton banker, absolutely refused to be nominated for the White company.

Work Not Resumed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Work on the buildings upon which the board of waiting delegates ordered strikes last week in aid of the electrical workers' strike has not been resumed today.